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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM - CEREMONIES ON OPENING
INTERESTS SECTIONS. S/S 7720838

1. ISSUES FOR DECISION: PROCEEDING WITH ARRANGEMENTS AND YOUR ATTENDANCE AT CEREMONIES MARKING OPENING OF CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION.
2. ESSENTIAL FACTORS: OUR INTERESTS SECTION IN HAVANA AND THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION HERE ARE TO OPEN SEPTEMBER 1.
3. WE BELIEVE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE MEDIA INTEREST AND KNOW THAT CBS AND THE WIRE SERVICES PLAN TO SEND
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PEOPLE TO COVER THE OPENING IN HAVANA. THERE WILL BE
EQUAL MEDIA COVERAGE HERE.

4. WE WANT TO KEEP THE EVENTS SIMPLE AND LOW KEY BUT DO NOT WISH TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE DOWNGRADING THE INTERESTS SECTIONS.

5. IN OUR OPINION APPROPRIATE CEREMONIES WOULD BE A) BRIEF SPEECHES BY CZECH AMBASSADOR, US GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE AND THE HEAD OF THE CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION IN THE MIDDLE

OF THE DAY AT THE BUILDING OF THE CZECH EMBASSY CUBAN INTERESTS SECTION (FORMER CUBAN EMBASSY) ON 16TH STREET-- THIS WOULD GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR MEDIA COVERAGE; B) A RECEPTION FOLLOWING HOSTED BY THE CZECH AMBASSADOR. WE WOULD SUGGEST SIMILAR CEREMONIES IN HAVANA.

6. WE HAVE SOUNDED OUT MR. GARCIA OF THE CUBAN UN MISSION INFORMALLY ON THIS IDEA. HIS REACTION WAS POSITIVE.

7. IT HAS BEEN OUR EXPERIENCE THAT THE CUBAN SIDE DOES NOT INITIATE PROPOSALS ON MATTERS OF THIS KIND AND FINDS IT EASIER TO REACT TO SPECIFIC PROPOSALS WE MAKE.

8. AS SEPTEMBER 1 DRAWS CLOSER, I BELIEVE WE SHOULD AGREE ON A SCENARIO FIRST WITH THE CUBANS AND THEN WITH THE SWISS AND CZECHS.

9. I THINK THAT SINCE THE HEAD OF INTERESTS SECTION NORMALLY DEALS AT UP TO THE 3RD LEVEL OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, YOU, RATHER THAN THE SECRETARY OR DEPUTY SECRETARY, SHOULD BE THE SENIOR US GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AT THE WASHINGTON CEREMONY. YOUR CALENDAR SHOWS YOU BEING CONFIDENTIAL

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IN WASHINGTON ON SEPTEMBER 1.

10. RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) THAT WE PROPOSE TO THE CUBANS AND COORDINATE WITH THE SWISS AND CZECHS ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIMPLE CEREMONIES OUTLINED ABOVE.

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(2) THAT YOU REPRESENT THE US GOVERNMENT AT THE WASHINGTON CEREMONY.

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